AMENDMENTS TO LB 480

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM0802)

1	1.	Insert	the	following	new	sections:

- 2 "Sec. 11. Section 71-5712, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 4 71-5712. Any person who violates section 71-5707 the
- 5 Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act shall be guilty of a Class V
- 6 misdemeanor.
- 7 Sec. 12. Section 77-2602, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 8 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 9 77-2602. (1) Every person engaged in distributing or
- 10 selling cigarettes at wholesale in this state shall pay to the Tax
- 11 Commissioner of this state a special privilege tax. This shall be
- 12 in addition to all other taxes. It shall be paid prior to or at
- 13 the time of the sale, gift, or delivery to the retail dealer in the
- 14 several amounts as follows: On each package of cigarettes
- 15 containing not more than twenty cigarettes, sixty-four cents per
- 16 package; and on packages containing more than twenty cigarettes,
- 17 the same tax as provided on packages containing not more than
- 18 twenty cigarettes for the first twenty cigarettes in each package
- 19 and a tax of one-twentieth of the tax on the first twenty
- 20 cigarettes on each cigarette in excess of twenty cigarettes in each
- 21 package.
- 22 (2) Commencing July 1, 1994, and continuing until October
- 23 1, 2004, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of

- 1 twenty-one cents of such tax in the General Fund. Commencing
- 2 October 1, 2004, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of
- 3 forty-nine cents of such tax in the General Fund. The State
- 4 Treasurer shall reduce the amount placed in the General Fund under
- 5 this subsection by the amount prescribed in subdivision (3)(d) of
- 6 this section. For purposes of this section, the equivalent of a
- 7 specified number of cents of the tax shall mean that portion of the
- 8 proceeds of the tax equal to the specified number divided by the
- 9 tax rate per package of cigarettes containing not more than twenty
- 10 cigarettes.
- 11 (3) The State Treasurer shall distribute the remaining
- 12 proceeds of such tax in the following order:
- 13 (a) First, beginning July 1, 1980, the State Treasurer
- 14 shall place the equivalent of one cent of such tax in the Nebraska
- 15 Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund. For fiscal year
- 16 distributions occurring after FY1998-99, the distribution under
- 17 this subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed
- 18 under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase
- 19 the amount distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98
- 20 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;
- 21 (b) Second, beginning July 1, 1993, the State Treasurer
- 22 shall place the equivalent of three cents of such tax in the
- 23 Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support Cash
- 24 Fund to carry out sections 81-637 to 81-640. For fiscal year
- 25 distributions occurring after FY1998-99, the distribution under
- 26 this subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed
- 27 under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase

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1 the amount distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98

- 2 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;
- 3 (c) Third, beginning July 1, 2001, and continuing until
- 4 October 1, 2002, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of
- 5 five cents of such tax in the Building Renewal Allocation Fund.
- 6 Beginning October 1, 2002, and continuing until all the purposes of
- 7 the Deferred Building Renewal Act have been fulfilled, the State
- 8 Treasurer shall place the equivalent of seven cents of such tax in
- 9 the Building Renewal Allocation Fund. The Legislature shall
- 10 appropriate each fiscal year all sums inuring to the fund, plus
- 11 interest earnings, for the Task Force for Building Renewal to be
- 12 used to carry out its duties and to fulfill the purposes of the
- 13 Deferred Building Renewal Act. Unexpended balances existing at the
- 14 end of each fiscal year shall be, and are hereby, reappropriated.
- 15 The distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than the
- 16 amount distributed under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money
- 17 needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to
- 18 the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General
- 19 Fund;
- 20 (d) Fourth, beginning July 1, 1994, and continuing until
- 21 July 1, 2003, the State Treasurer shall place in the Municipal
- 22 Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund the sum of three million dollars
- 23 each fiscal year to carry out the Municipal Infrastructure
- 24 Redevelopment Fund Act. Commencing July 1, 2003, and continuing
- 25 until July 1, 2005, the State Treasurer shall place in such fund
- 26 the sum of five hundred twenty thousand dollars each fiscal year to
- 27 carry out the act. Commencing July 1, 2005, and continuing until

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- 1 July 1, 2009, the State Treasurer shall place in such fund the sum
- 2 of three million dollars each fiscal year to carry out the act.
- 3 The Legislature shall appropriate the sum of five hundred twenty
- 4 thousand dollars each year for fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05.
- 5 The Legislature shall appropriate the sum of three million dollars
- 6 each year for fiscal year 2005-06 through fiscal year 2008-09;
- 7 (e) Fifth, beginning July 1, 2001, the State Treasurer
- 8 shall place the equivalent of two cents of such tax in the
- 9 Information Technology Infrastructure Fund;
- 10 (f) Sixth, beginning July 1, 2001, and continuing until
- 11 June 30, 2016, the State Treasurer shall place one million dollars
- 12 each fiscal year in the City of the Primary Class Development Fund.
- 13 If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of
- 14 tax proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this
- 15 section by such amount required to fulfill the one million dollars
- 16 to be distributed pursuant to this subdivision;
- 17 (g) Seventh, beginning July 1, 2001, and continuing until
- 18 June 30, 2016, the State Treasurer shall place one million five
- 19 hundred thousand dollars each fiscal year in the City of the
- 20 Metropolitan Class Development Fund, except that the State
- 21 Treasurer shall not place such amount in such fund if a city of the
- 22 metropolitan class has established an ordinance described in
- 23 subdivision (2) of section 71-5702. If necessary, the State
- 24 Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax proceeds to the
- 25 General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this section by such
- 26 amount required to fulfill the one million five hundred thousand
- 27 dollars to be distributed pursuant to this subdivision; and

- 1 (h) Eighth, beginning October 1, 2002, and continuing
- 2 until October 1, 2004, the State Treasurer shall place the
- 3 equivalent of twenty-eight cents of such tax in the Cash Reserve
- 4 Fund.

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- 5 (4) If, after distributing the proceeds of such tax
- 6 pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, any proceeds
- 7 of such tax remain, the State Treasurer shall place such remainder
- 8 in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund.
- 9 (5) The Legislature hereby finds and determines that the projects funded from the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment 10 11 Fund and the Building Renewal Allocation Fund are of critical importance to the State of Nebraska. 12 It is the intent of the 13 Legislature that the allocations and appropriations made by the 14 Legislature to such funds or, in the case of allocations for the 15 Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund, to the particular 16 municipality's account not be reduced until all contracts and 17 securities relating to the construction and financing of the 18 projects or portions of the projects funded from such funds or 19 accounts of such funds are completed or paid or, in the case of the 20 Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund, the earlier of such 21 date or July 1, 2009, and that until such time any reductions in the cigarette tax rate made by the 22 Legislature shall 23 simultaneously accompanied by equivalent reductions in the amount 24 dedicated to the General Fund from cigarette tax revenue. Any 25 Allocations and appropriations for the Municipal Infrastructure 26 Redevelopment Fund to a particular municipality's account shall be

reduced if the municipality has established an ordinance described

- 1 in subdivision (2) of section 71-5702. Except as provided in
- 2 subsection (6) of this section, any provision made by the
- 3 Legislature for distribution of the proceeds of the cigarette tax
- 4 for projects or programs other than those to (a) the General Fund,
- 5 (b) the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund, (c) the
- 6 Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support Cash
- 7 Fund, (d) the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund, (e) the
- 8 Building Renewal Allocation Fund, (f) the Information Technology
- 9 Infrastructure Fund, (g) the City of the Primary Class Development
- 10 Fund, (h) the City of the Metropolitan Class Development Fund, and
- 11 (i) the Cash Reserve Fund shall not be made a higher priority than
- 12 or an equal priority to any of the programs or projects specified
- 13 in subdivisions (a) through (i) of this subsection.
- 14 (6) Any reduction in the account of a particular
- 15 municipality described in subsection (5) of this section shall be
- 16 transferred to the Rural Development Cash Fund.
- 17 Sec. 13. Section 81-3603, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 18 2004, is amended to read:
- 19 81-3603. The Rural Development Commission shall:
- 20 (1) Focus attention on and increase awareness of the
- 21 opportunities and needs of rural Nebraskans;
- 22 (2) Advocate for rural Nebraska by proposing solutions to
- 23 rural challenges;
- 24 (3) Strengthen community sustainability and growth in
- 25 rural Nebraska through increased community-based wealth creation,
- 26 expanded economic opportunity, and improved quality of life;
- 27 (4) Stimulate rural development innovation and foster

- 1 information transfer to, from, and within rural Nebraska;
- 2 (5) Encourage and support continuity, coordination, and
- 3 cooperation among national, state, multicommunity, and local rural
- 4 development initiatives and service providers;
- 5 (6) Ensure that rural Nebraskans are afforded the
- 6 opportunity to determine rural Nebraska's development agenda;
- 7 (7) Serve as an advisory body to the Governor, state
- 8 agencies, and the Legislature on rural development issues;
- 9 (8) Establish an information clearinghouse on rural
- 10 challenges and needs, development services, model initiatives,
- 11 available resources, and service providers;
- 12 (9) Foster community-based development initiatives
- 13 through multicommunity partnerships;
- 14 (10) Support strategic planning and research for and
- 15 evaluation of rural development initiatives and service providers
- 16 by administering the Nebraska Development Network Program;
- 17 (11) Serve as Nebraska's rural development council within
- 18 the meaning of the National Rural Development Partnership by
- 19 providing inventories, reports, assessments, and implementation
- 20 plans as appropriate; and
- 21 (12) Participate in the Partnership for Rural Nebraska;
- 22 and
- 23 (13) If sufficient funds are available as determined by
- 24 the commission, establish a grant program to assist rural
- 25 development initiatives and economic opportunities.
- 26 Sec. 14. Section 81-3606, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 27 2004, is amended to read:

- 1 81-3606. There is hereby created the Rural Development
- 2 Cash Fund which shall be used by the Rural Development Commission
- 3 for the purposes of sections 81-3601 to 81-3605. Money credited to
- 4 the fund shall include any monetary gifts, grants, and donations,
- 5 proceeds from contracts for services, and reimbursements of
- 6 expenses. Money credited to the fund may include tobacco proceeds
- 7 transferred from the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund
- 8 pursuant to subsection (6) of section 77-2602. Any grant funds
- 9 under the National Rural Development Partnership received by the
- 10 State of Nebraska from the United States Department of Agriculture
- 11 shall be allocated to the commission. Any money in the fund
- 12 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
- 13 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
- 14 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 15 Sec. 16. Since an emergency exists, this act takes
- 16 effect when passed and approved according to law.".
- 17 2. On page 1, line 9, after the period insert "(1)"; and
- 18 strike beginning with "Nothing" in line 13 through line 17 and
- 19 insert the following:
- 20 "(2)(a) Nothing in the act shall be construed to restrict
- 21 or prohibit a governing body of a county, city, or village from
- 22 establishing and enforcing ordinances at least as stringent as, or
- 23 more stringent than, the provisions of the Nebraska Clean Indoor
- 24 Air Act.
- 25 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of section 77-2602 to
- 26 the contrary, any county, city, or village having an ordinance more
- 27 stringent than the provisions of the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act

- 1 shall not be eligible to receive any funds distributed pursuant to
- 2 section 77-2602.".
- 3 On page 5, line 12, strike "shall" and show as
- 4 stricken and after the last stricken comma insert "may".
- 5 4. On page 6, line 1, strike "and" and after the last
- 6 comma insert "71-5712, and 77-2602,"; and in line 2 strike "and
- 7 71-5707" and insert ", 71-5707, 81-3603, and 81-3606".
- 8 5. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.